

providing the service center a signal indicating that the conditions for an alert are satisfied; and

alerting a designated location from the service center upon receiving the signal.

3. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the signal from the mobile unit is sent via the wireless network service connection.

4. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the alerting comprises telephoning the designated location.

5. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the alerting comprises sending e-mail to the designated location.

6. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein providing the information that identifies the conditions for the alert, comprises downloading the information from the service center to the mobile unit.

14. (Amended) A delivery method comprising:

creating a list of destinations for deliveries at a service center, the list including a threshold distance for one or more destination for which an alert should be generated;

downloading a portion of the list of destinations to a mobile unit installed in a delivery vehicle, the downloading being effectuated over a wireless network connection which links the mobile unit to the service center over a wide area network;

selecting a destination from the list as a next destination for a delivery vehicle;

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monitoring distance between the delivery vehicle and the selected destination;
and

generating an alert from the delivery vehicle when the distance is less than a
threshold distance.

15. (Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein generating the alert comprises:

sending a message from the delivery vehicle to the service center, the message
including a tag identifying the destination;

looking-up a designated location that corresponds to the destination; and

sending the alert from the service center to the designated location.

16. (Amended) A mobile unit comprising:

a location system;

a wireless device linking the mobile unit with a service center over a wireless
network connection of a wide area network; and

a control circuit, wherein the control system automatically activates the
location system to determine a current location of the mobile unit, determines whether
the mobile unit has crossed a threshold, and activates the wireless device to send an
alert signal if the mobile unit has crossed the threshold.

22. (Amended) A system comprising:

a data connection to wide area network;

an alerting device; and

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a service center connected to the data connection to enable receipt of messages from a mobile unit over a wireless network connection and connected to the alerting device to enable the service center to activate the alerting device and send alerts, the service center maintaining contact information for the mobile unit, wherein

in response to a signal from the mobile unit, the service center activates the alerting device to send an alert to a designated location identified in the contact information.

23. (Amended) The system of claim 22, wherein the service center comprises a server that permits internet access to the service center for setting of the designated location to which the alerting device sends the alert.

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